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Ms. Marlene Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street SW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

*Re: Reply Comments CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC in WC Docket Nos.  
09-154, 07-245*

Dear Secretary Dortch:

CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC ("CenterPoint"), through its attorneys, hereby submits these brief Reply Comments in the above-referenced proceedings for the sole purpose of rectifying speculative and misleading statements by Comcast Corporation regarding CenterPoint's Advanced Metering System ("AMS") deployment to residential and small commercial electric consumers in its service area. Contrary to Comcast's assertions, CenterPoint does not intend to use its AMS infrastructure for the purposes of wholesale or retail broadband deployment, or to otherwise offer competing communications services (*i.e.*, voice, Internet access or video programming) to end users. Therefore, Comcast's suggestion that CenterPoint has improperly leveraged use of its electric distribution poles to advance unregulated business interests is entirely without merit, and should be disregarded by the Commission.

CenterPoint, headquartered in Houston, Texas, provides electric transmission and distribution services to more than two million metered customers in a 5,000 square-mile area of the Texas Gulf Coast, including in the City of Houston. The rates, operations and services of CenterPoint are regulated by the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("PUCT"). In March 2009, CenterPoint began its deployment of AMS to electric consumers in its service territory, pursuant to an order by the PUCT approving the Company's system-wide deployment plan. CenterPoint anticipates that more than two million advanced meters will be installed system-wide by 2014 in accordance with that plan. CenterPoint's AMS uses WiMax-based radios in conjunction with a mesh network RF LAN to deliver energy usage information and instructions to and from the meters. CenterPoint's comprehensive AMS plan has been reviewed and approved by the PUCT, and also has been submitted, subject to the appropriate confidentiality procedures, to the Department of Energy in support of CenterPoint's recent application for federal funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

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Please feel free to contact CenterPoint's undersigned counsel if you have any questions or require further information.

Respectfully submitted,

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Brett Heather Freedson

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